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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination in connection with the above-identified application on March 28, 2008. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

A copy of the search report that issued in a related foreign application is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each of the listed foreign patents and published foreign patent applications is enclosed. With regard to JP 06-219474, a copy was previously submitted in the instant application. An English translation of JP 06-219474 is enclosed. An English translation of the abstract of JP 57-065158 is enclosed.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents referred to as attached therein are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on this date April 1. 2008, via EFS-Web.

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It is respectfully requested that the foregoing be considered by the Examiner and

that an Examiner-initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be returned to the

undersigned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no

better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines

that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant

reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the

appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the

patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of

the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please

Respectfully.

charge the fee to our Deposit Account 10-0235.

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Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/08a (6 pages)

Foreign Patent Documents (11pages)

Non-Patent Literature Documents (36 Pages)

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